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Congress of the United States
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House of Representatives
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Honorable John A. McCone
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In order to discharge its responsibilities to the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Affairs has an obligation to be informed concerning the situation in Cuba. The members of the Committee as well as other members of the Congress and the general public have had the benefit of the comprehensive and detailed statements of the facts concerning Cuban military strength which have been presented by the Secretary of Defense and yourself.

We would like to have, however, such additional information as you are prepared to make available as to the completeness of the coverage of the military situation in Cuba by United States intelligence operations and other sources; the capability of these sources of detecting new developments and the speed with which reports of such developments may be expected, and the use of Cuba as a training, outfitting and directing center for attacks against countries other than the United States.

I recognize that it is frequently necessary to withhold certain facts or reports from publication in order to protect the source of such information. It would be helpful, however, if you could indicate the extent to which any significant data concerning conditions in Cuba are currently being kept from the Congress, and whether or not intelligence procedures operate in such a manner that information essential to a correct appraisal of our foreign policy is likely to be withheld in the future.

The members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs are called upon to support the policies of our Government in dealing with critical issues and need as much information as you can give us.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Morgan

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Remarks:

Attached is a copy of a letter from Chairman Morgan regarding topics he would like the Director to deal with at the briefing next Tuesday. I have passed copies to Ray Cline.

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